

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing a computing device control interface for centrally controlling a plurality of networked computing devices, the method comprising:

~~obtaining one or more actions to be executed on one or more counters related to specific functions of one or more networked computing devices;~~

displaying a number of actions to be executed on one or more counters related to specific functions of a number of networked computing devices, the counters chosen from a set of counters, the choice based on a designated role of the networked computing devices in an enterprise network;

obtaining a user selection of the number of actions;

generating an action icon representing a control of the user-selected number of actions;

displaying a set of graphical action icons for selection by a user, wherein each action icon ~~representing~~ represents a control to ~~[[the]]~~ one or more actions to be executed on ~~[[the]]~~ one or more counters of ~~[[the]]~~ one or more computing devices;

displaying a set of graphical computing device icons wherein each graphical computing device icon represents a control to ~~[[the]]~~ one or more networked computing devices;

obtaining a selection of initializing the one or more actions controlled by a graphical action icon;

obtaining a selection of initializing the one or more networked computing devices controlled by a graphical computing device icon; and

instructing the one or more actions controlled by the selected graphical action icon to execute on the one or more counters of each networked computing device controlled by the selected graphical computing device icon.

2. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising generating an archive file for storing a number of actions controlled by the graphical action icon, wherein execution of the archive file causes the execution of the number of actions in the archive file on the one or more counters of the one or more networked computing devices controlled by the selected graphical computing device icon.

3. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 2, wherein the archive file is a script file.

4. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 2, further comprising executing the number of actions in the archive file without repeatedly obtaining the number of actions to be executed on the one or more counters of the one or more networked computing devices controlled by the selected graphical computing device icon.

5. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 4, further comprising obtaining user input for editing the actions stored in the archive file before executing the actions on the one or more counters of the one or more networked computing devices controlled by the selected graphical computing device icon.

6. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein at least one graphical action icon in the set of graphical action icons implements a collection template for capacity planning in the one or more networked computing devices controlled by the selected graphical computing device icon.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein at least one graphical action icon in the set of graphical action icons assigns a common priority for the

corresponding action on each networked computing device controlled by the selected graphical computing device icon.

9. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the networked computing device is a server computer in an enterprise network.

10. (Currently amended) A tangible computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in Claim 1.

11. (Original) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system operable for performing the method recited in Claim 1.

12. (Currently amended) In a computer system having a display and at least one graphical user interface selection device, a method of providing a centralized server control interface for executing a group of actions concurrently on a group of networked computing devices, the method comprising:

~~obtaining an identification of a group of actions to be executed on counters related to specific functions of a group of networked computing devices;~~

displaying a number of actions to be executed on counters related to specific functions of a group of networked computing devices, the counters chosen from a set of counters, the choice based on a designated role of the networked computing devices in an enterprise network;

obtaining a user selection of the number of actions;

displaying the group of actions as an action icon on the display;

obtaining an identification of a group of networked computing devices on which to execute the group of actions;

displaying the group of networked computing devices as a computing device icon on the display;

obtaining a selection of the action icon by the graphical user interface selection device;
and

instructing the group of actions displayed as the selected action icon to execute on the group of networked computing devices displayed as the computing device icon upon manipulating the selected action icon to overlap on the computing device icon.

13. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the selection of the computing device icon includes:

selecting the action icon with the user interface selection device; and
manipulating the action icon to overlap the computing device icon on the display.

14. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 12, further comprising generating an archive file to store the group of actions displayed as the action icon.

15. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 14, wherein the archive file is a script file.

16. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 14, further comprising:
displaying an input area on the display for obtaining a user selection of an executable file created from the archive file; and

instructing the group of actions in the executable file to execute, without repeatedly obtaining the identification of the group of actions, on the counters related to specific functions of the group of networked computing devices.

17. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the graphical user interface selection device is a mouse.

18. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein a networked computing device is a server computer in an enterprise network.

19. (Currently amended) A tangible computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in Claim 12.

20. (Withdrawn) In a computer system having a display and graphical user interface selection device, a method for providing a server control interface, the method comprising:

- obtaining an identification of a number of actions to be executed by a computing device;
- displaying the number of actions on the display screen;
- obtaining a selection of one or more of the actions by the user interface selection device;
- generating a graphical icon corresponding to the one or more actions selected by the user interface selection device; and
- displaying the graphical icon on the display screen.

21. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in Claim 20, wherein one of the number of actions is setting a global priority for the selected actions.

22. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in Claim 20, wherein one of the numbers of actions is establishing a data collection template for each server.

23. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in Claim 22, wherein the number of actions includes an action for specifying a time for the collection template.

24. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in Claim 22, wherein the number of actions includes an action for specifying one or more servers to collect data from.

25. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in Claim 20 further comprising displaying a summary of the actions selected by the user selection device prior to generating the graphical icon.

26. (Withdrawn) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in Claim 20.

27. (Withdrawn) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system operable for performing the method recited in Claim 20.

28. (Withdrawn) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable components for providing a computing device control interface, the computer components comprising:

an action creating component for creating an action icon corresponding to a number of user selected actions; and

a computing device icon component for creating a computing device icon corresponding to a number of servers that will execute the number of user selected actions corresponding to a selected action icon.

29. (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 26 further comprising an executable component for generating an archive file corresponding to the number of user selected actions in the action icon.

30. (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 27, wherein the executable creation component generates a script file.

31. (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 27 further comprising an executable execution component for accepting executable files and for instructing

a number of computing devices to execute the number of user selected actions corresponding to the action icon.

32. (Currently amended) A method of providing a server control interface for centrally controlling a plurality of networked servers, the method comprising:

~~obtaining one or more actions to be executed on one or more counters related to specific functions of one or more networked servers;~~

displaying a number of actions to be executed on one or more counters, the counters chosen from a set of counters, the choice based on a designated role of the networked servers in an enterprise network;

obtaining a user selection of the number of actions;

generating an action icon representing a control of the user-selected number of actions;

displaying a set of graphical action icons for selection by a user, wherein each action icon ~~representing~~ represents a control to ~~[[the]]~~ one or more actions to be executed by one or more networked servers, and wherein at least one graphical action icon in the set of graphical action icons includes an action to implement a collection template for capacity planning;

displaying a set of graphical server icons wherein each graphical server icon represents a control to ~~[[the]]~~ one or more networked servers;

obtaining a selection of initializing the one or more actions controlled by a graphical action icon;

obtaining a selection of initializing the one or more networked servers controlled by a graphical server icon; and

instructing the one or more actions controlled by the selected graphical action icon to execute on the one or more counters of each networked server controlled by the selected graphical server icon.

33. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 32, further comprising generating an archive file for storing a number of actions controlled by the graphical action icon, wherein execution of the archive file causes the execution of the number of actions in the archive file on the one or more counters of the one or more networked servers controlled by the selected graphical server icon.

34. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 33, wherein the archive file is a script file.